

Countywide Community Forums: Public Safety: Law and Justice -- Round 4 of Countywide Community Forums

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*Legend: Example of a Polarization-Consensus Rating for yes/no questions

PC Rating™

\ "Polarization Rating\ " (75% -- 80) \ "Consensus Rating\ "

A measure of the WEIGHT given an idea or question by the people participating. The polarization rating is the percentage of people participating who answered yes or no (excluding those who abstained or objected.)

Thus: A polarization rating of 100% means everyone participating answered yes or no. A rating of 50% means half answered yes or no. A rating of 0% means no one answered yes or no (thus, everyone abstained or objected.)

A measure of the OPINION given by those people answering yes or no. The consensus rating is the percentage of people answering yes of those who answered yes or no, i.e. The % positive response (excluding those who abstained or objected.)

Thus: A consensus rating above 50 means the people answering favored the idea--up to 100 which means unanimously favorable. A rating below 50 means they were against the idea, down to zero which means they were unanimously against it (thus no one answered yes.

Read the PC Rating™ cited above as \ "75% had 80 consensus\ " meaning: 75% of those persons participating were polarized and answered either yes or no. Therefore, of those persons who answered yes or no, 80 out of 100 answered yes (thus 20 out of 100 answered no). The PC Rating™, therefore, allows accurate and easy comparison of responses between different-sized groups and also total responses.

For further insights on the kinds of questions people feel able to answer within a grouping of related questions, questions can be ranked and reordered by the Polarization Rating showing the weight. That is, both yes/no and multiple-choice questions can be ranked and reordered by the percentage of people who answered the question with clear yes/no or multiple-choice responses--excluding those who abstained or objected. This magnifies the analysis of the data to better resolve the social attitudes of those who participated, i.e., \"Social Resolving Power.\"

*Legend: Modified Polarization-Consensus Rating (MPC Rating™) for value-scale questions: (1) Strongly Agree and Agree are converted to Yes; (2) Neutral/Undecided is not converted to Abstain (i.e., Neutral affects the Polarization rating but does not affect the Consensus rating); (3) Disagree and Strongly Disagree are converted to No, and all are then calculated as an MPC Rating™.

Project Value-Statement Questions

1) (T-1) *In general, which **ONE** of the following approaches to lowering crime rates in King County comes closest to your own view?*

1. More money and/or effort should go into **addressing the social and economic problems** that can lead to crime through better education and job training.
2. More money and/or effort should go to **incarcerating repeat offenders and deterring new offenders** by improving law enforcement with more jails, police and judges.
3. Public safety is best achieved by using **both of the previous approaches**, taking into account circumstances, such as the offenders socio-economic status, whether drug/alcohol addiction or mental illness is involved, whether the crime is a violent crime or a property crime, the severity of the crime and the number of victims.

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	26%	14%	50%	4%	5%	Total	N/A

2) (T-2) According to statistics compiled by the State Office of Financial Management, the rate for violent crimes in King County has gone down significantly from 716 crimes per 100,000 persons in 1990 to 371 per 100,000 in 2007. National, state, and local figures show similar trends (see background information materials). Experts are divided about the reasons for this long-term decrease. ***Do you believe that it owes most to:***

1. More cops on the street.
2. Better awareness and more effective involvement by communities.
3. Prevention programs are bearing fruits.
4. More criminals behind bars mean fewer criminals on the streets.
5. Other ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4

- (5) Choice 5

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	6%	26%	25%	11%	11%	16%	5%	Total	N/A

3) (T-3) *Are there enough police or sheriff officers patrolling where you live and work?*

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	PC RATING™
208	65%	26%	6%	3%	Total	(91% - 71%)

4) (T-4) Public education is the “paramount duty” of the State of Washington. *Should Public Safety be “the paramount duty of county government”, when considering other county responsibilities such as elections, public health, transit, and parks?*

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	PC RATING™
208	56%	29%	12%	3%	Total	(85% - 66%)

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5) (T-5) How important to you and your community is the King County Sheriff's Office?

- Very Important (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Unimportant

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	37%	20%	23%	9%	6%	5%	1%	Total	(94% - 79%)

6) (T-6) How satisfied overall are you with the King County Sheriff's Office?

- Very Satisfied (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Dissatisfied

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	15%	31%	28%	8%	4%	13%	0%	Total	(86% - 79%)

7) (T-7) How important to you and your community is the King County Prosecutor's Office?

- Very Important (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Unimportant

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	39%	30%	17%	6%	4%	4%	0%	Total	(96% - 88%)

8) (T-8) How satisfied overall are you with the King County Prosecutor's Office?

- Very Satisfied (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Dissatisfied

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	16%	34%	26%	4%	5%	15%	1%	Total	(84% - 85%)

9) (T-9) How important to you and your community is the King County Superior Court?

- Very Important (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Unimportant

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	36%	32%	18%	6%	2%	6%	0%	Total	(93% - 90%)

10) (T-10) How satisfied overall are you with the King County Superior Court?

- Very Satisfied (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Dissatisfied

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	11%	29%	33%	8%	3%	16%	1%	Total	(83% - 78%)

11) (T-11) How important to you and your community is the King County District Court?

- Very Important (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Unimportant

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	28%	36%	18%	7%	2%	8%	0%	Total	(92% - 87%)

12) (T-12) How satisfied overall are you with the King County District Court?

- Very Satisfied (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Dissatisfied

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	10%	31%	29%	10%	2%	17%	1%	Total	(82% - 77%)

Improving Law and Justice in King County**13) (T-13) Arresting and incarcerating violent criminals.**

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	73%	15%	7%	1%	1%	1%	2%	Total	(97% - 97%)

14) (T-14) Arresting and incarcerating other criminals.

• Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	9%	44%	27%	11%	5%	2%	1%	Total	(97% - 76%)

15) (T-15) *Treatment for drug addicts who commit crimes.*

• Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	28%	34%	21%	10%	3%	2%	1%	Total	(97% - 82%)

16) (T-16) *Treatment for people with a mental illness who commit crimes.*

• Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	43%	31%	15%	4%	3%	4%	0%	Total	(96% - 91%)

17) (T-17) *Crime prevention programs for at-risk youth.*

• Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	47%	28%	14%	6%	2%	3%	0%	Total	(96% - 91%)

18) (T-18) *Programs that address drug/alcohol addiction in cases where there is a connection between the addiction and criminal activity.*

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	35%	37%	14%	5%	3%	6%	0%	Total	(94% - 90%)

19) (T-19) *Programs that address mental illness in cases where there is a connection between mental illness and criminal activity.*

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	39%	37%	13%	5%	2%	3%	0%	Total	(97% - 91%)

20) (T-20) *Programs that address homelessness in cases where there is a connection between homelessness and criminal activity (for example, registered sex offenders who are homeless).*

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	39%	26%	18%	8%	4%	3%	2%	Total	(95% - 85%)

21) (T-21) *Programs that address disproportional racial impacts in arrests, convictions and imprisonments?*

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	26%	17%	21%	14%	15%	5%	1%	Total	(93% - 60%)

22) (T-22) Some other priority? ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	9%	5%	3%	0%	2%	78%	2%	Total	(20% - 86%)

23) (T-23) *Violent crimes (excluding domestic violence)*

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	33%	30%	27%	2%	1%	7%	0%	Total	(93% - 96%)

24) (T-24) Domestic Violence (violence among family members)

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	24%	35%	29%	4%	2%	5%	0%	Total	(94% - 90%)

25) (T-25) Car theft

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	6%	27%	51%	8%	2%	4%	1%	Total	(95% - 77%)

26) (T-26) Burglaries

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	15%	37%	36%	6%	0%	5%	1%	Total	(94% - 89%)

27) (T-27) *Driving Under the Influence (DUI)*

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	36%	31%	25%	3%	1%	4%	1%	Total	(95% - 95%)

28) (T-28) *Gang activity*

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	47%	33%	11%	2%	1%	4%	1%	Total	(95% - 95%)

29) (T-29) *Identity theft*

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	27%	33%	27%	4%	1%	5%	1%	Total	(93% - 91%)

30) (T-30) *Prostitution*

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	4%	14%	29%	28%	20%	4%	1%	Total	(95% - 27%)

31) (T-31) *Vandalism/Graffiti*

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	8%	17%	45%	17%	7%	5%	1%	Total	(94% - 50%)

32) (T-32) *Aggressive Panhandling*

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	6%	15%	34%	25%	13%	6%	1%	Total	(93% - 37%)

33) (T-33) *Dangerous and vicious dogs*

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	12%	25%	34%	19%	5%	4%	1%	Total	(95% - 61%)

34) (T-34) *Meth labs (methamphetamines laboratories)*

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	35%	28%	24%	5%	2%	5%	1%	Total	(94% - 90%)

35) (T-35) Other crimes? ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- Much More Attention (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Much Less Attention

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	8%	6%	11%	1%	2%	72%	1%	Total	(27% - 80%)

Drugs and Mental Illness

36) (T-36) *Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is **possessing** marijuana?*

- (1) Yes, but only for amounts of less than an ounce
 - (2) Yes, for any amount
 - (3) No, not for any amount

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	36%	41%	13%	8%	1%	Total	N/A

37) (T-37) *Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is **selling** marijuana to other adults?*

- (1) Yes, but only for amounts of less than an ounce
 - (2) Yes, for any amount
 - (3) No, not for any amount

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	38%	30%	26%	3%	2%	Total	N/A

38) (T-38) *Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is possessing cocaine or heroin or methamphetamines (“meth”), LSD or other “hard” drugs?*

- (1) Yes, but only for a small (personal) amount
 - (2) Yes, for any amount
 - (3) No, not for any amount

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	25%	13%	57%	3%	2%	Total	N/A

39) (T-39) *Should the county, to the extent allowed by state law, stop arresting and prosecuting adults whose only crime is selling cocaine or heroin or methamphetamines (“meth”), LSD or other “hard” drugs to other adults?*

- (1) Yes, but only for a small (personal) amount
 - (2) Yes, for any amount
 - (3) No, not for any amount

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	10%	9%	75%	3%	3%	Total	N/A

40) (T-40) *Should a drug addict, arrested for a nonviolent crime, be given the option of successfully completing a comprehensive drug treatment program instead of jail?*

- (1) Yes, but only for the first time
- (2) Yes, but only for the first and second time
- (3) No, never. If there is effective treatment, it should be given to the addict while he or she is in jail

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	41%	41%	11%	3%	3%	Total	N/A

41) (T-41) *Should the state **legalize and tax** the sale, possession and use of small amounts of marijuana, in a manner similar to that of alcohol?*

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	PC RATING™
208	66%	29%	4%	0%	Total	(95% - 69%)

42) (T-42) *Should the County's enforcement focus be on the "sellers" or on the "buyers" in the illegal drug market?*

1. Enforcement should focus on "sellers".
2. Enforcement should focus on "buyers".
3. Enforcement should focus equally on both.
4. Enforcement should not focus on either "sellers" or "buyers".
5. Other ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4
- (5) Choice 5

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	36%	3%	43%	10%	2%	4%	2%	Total	N/A

43) (T-43) Which **ONE** of the following choices most closely matches your response to the statement, *“I believe that most convicted drug addicts will be motivated to complete a drug treatment program successfully if they are facing an alternative of .”*

1. Jail time up to half as long as the treatment duration.
2. Jail time as long as the treatment duration.
3. Jail time 50% longer than the treatment duration.
4. Jail time twice as long as the treatment duration.
5. The threat of jail or prison time is irrelevant to treating drug addicts.

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4
- (5) Choice 5

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	5%	19%	17%	32%	16%	7%	3%	Total	N/A

44) (T-44) As was stated in the video, King County jail is currently the largest facility for people with a mental illness in King County and the second largest in Washington State. Which **ONE** of the following choices comes closest to your opinion on this matter?

1. People with a mental illness **should be incarcerated** if they commit crimes just as any other person would. If they need treatment, they should be treated in jail.
2. People with a mental illness **do not belong in jail for any crime** (including violent crimes) and should be offered treatment in an institutional setting.
3. People with a mental illness **do not belong in jail for nonviolent crimes** and should be offered treatment in an institutional setting.
4. Other ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	20%	15%	51%	7%	5%	2%	Total	N/A

45) (T-45) *Do you believe that programs such as the “1811 Eastlake House” (discussed in the video and background materials), that houses alcohol addicts and encourages rather than requires them to change their behavior but saves money and reduces strain on overall Law and Justice and Human Services resources, are a good use of taxpayer money?*

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	PC RATING™
208	70%	20%	10%	0%	Total	(90% - 78%)

Car Theft

46) (T-46) *Do you consider car theft (stealing an unoccupied car) a serious crime?*

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	PC RATING™
208	74%	19%	6%	1%	Total	(93% - 79%)

47) (T-47) *Do you approve the actions taken by the King County Prosecutor since 2005 to reduce the number of cars stolen in King County?*

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	PC RATING™
208	83%	4%	11%	2%	Total	(87% - 96%)

Regarding Driving Under the Influence

48) (T-48) *At what point should driving under the influence (DUI) be a felony crime (punishable by more than one year in prison)?*

1. If the accused has already been convicted of at least five DUI's in the previous ten years (THIS IS THE CURRENT LAW).
2. If the accused has been convicted of at least four DUI's in the previous ten years.
3. If the accused has been convicted of at least three DUI's in the previous ten years.
4. If the accused has been convicted of at least two DUI's in the previous ten years.
5. Never.

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4
- (5) Choice 5

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	6%	4%	26%	53%	1%	7%	3%	Total	N/A

Regarding Juvenile Justice and Gang Violence

49) (T-49) *Do you believe that state law should be changed to incentivize school districts to increase attendance and graduation rates based on uniform statewide attendance and graduation criteria?*

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	PC RATING™
208	63%	19%	13%	5%	Total	(82% - 77%)

50) (T-50) Juvenile offenders who are caught solely possessing a firearm illegally can only be charged in Juvenile Court. Currently, it takes four prior felony convictions before a juvenile convicted of illegal gun possession can be sentenced to a state-run detention facility for greater than 30 days. Until then, they can receive no more than 30 days in King County's detention facility or on electronic home detention. Some of these offenders receive deferred sentences that can be "wiped" from their record if they successfully complete probation and other conditions set by the court. ***Which ONE of the following choices comes closest to your opinion on this matter?***

1. Juveniles convicted of illegally possessing a firearm should be sent to a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days, regardless of whether they have been previously convicted for any crime.
2. Juvenile offenders that have been **previously** convicted of **any** crime should serve time in a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days if they are caught with a firearm.
3. Juvenile offenders that have been **previously** convicted of a **felony** crime should serve time in a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days if they are caught with a firearm.
4. Juvenile offenders that have been **previously** convicted of at **least four felony crimes** should serve time in a state-run detention facility for more than 30 days if they are caught with a firearm (THIS IS THE CURRENT LAW).
5. Illegal firearm possession by a juvenile, by itself, **should never** result in incarceration.

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4
- (5) Choice 5

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	39%	25%	21%	3%	5%	4%	3%	Total	N/A

Regarding Sex Offenders

51) (T-51) *What is closest to your view about current Washington State laws regarding the registration and community notification of sex offenders?*

1. They offer adequate protection to the public.
2. They don't go far enough to protect the public.
3. They go too far by making it virtually impossible for sex offenders who have served their prison time to live and work, resulting in homeless sex offenders who pose a greater risk to re-offend.
4. Other ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	29%	23%	25%	6%	15%	2%	Total	N/A

Regarding Budget Priorities

52) (T-52) *Given the pressure on King County budget detailed in the video and on page 3 of the background information materials, should the Law & Justice programs*

funded by the General Fund:

1. Be protected from budget cuts in 2010 and 2011, resulting in even greater reductions in other General Fund programs.
2. Receive lower percentage cuts than other General Fund programs in 2010 and 2011.
3. Receive the same percentage cuts as other General Fund programs in 2010 and 2011.
4. Receive larger percentage cuts than other General Fund programs in 2010 and 2011.
5. Other ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4
- (5) Choice 5

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	21%	30%	27%	5%	4%	12%	1%	Total	N/A

53) (T-53) Cutting Law & Justice employee positions

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	5%	9%	31%	20%	23%	11%	1%	Total	(88% - 25%)

54) (T-54) Reduction in Law & Justice employee benefits.

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	13%	15%	34%	15%	9%	12%	1%	Total	(87% - 54%)

55) (T-55) Instituting unpaid furlough days for employees.

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	18%	32%	23%	9%	8%	10%	1%	Total	(89% - 75%)

56) (T-56) Decreasing officer response time and/or effort.

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	6%	12%	21%	15%	36%	9%	2%	Total	(89% - 26%)

57) (T-57) Raising minimum levels at which crimes are prosecuted.

- Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	9%	21%	29%	13%	13%	13%	2%	Total	(85% - 53%)

58) (T-58) Providing less Law & Justice services to cities.

• **Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority**

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	7%	14%	27%	17%	20%	13%	2%	Total	(85% - 36%)

59) (T-59) Other actions? ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

• **Top Priority (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Bottom Priority**

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	8%	0%	5%	1%	1%	83%	1%	Total	(16% - 74%)

Process review and evaluation

60) (P-1) *What topic would you like to discuss in future Countywide Community Forums?*

1. A specific aspect of the Law & Justice system, such as the Sheriff's Office, the Prosecutor's Office, the Public Defender's Office; the Superior Courts, the District Courts, the King County Jail, or something else.
([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))
2. Environmental protection in King County
3. Tax Reform in King County
4. Homelessness in King County
5. Other ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- **(1) Choice 1**
- **(2) Choice 2**
- **(3) Choice 3**
- **(4) Choice 4**
- **(5) Choice 5**

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	9%	19%	29%	24%	7%	12%	0%	Total	N/A

61) (P-2) *Did you previously participate in Rounds 1, 2 or 3 of the Countywide Community Forums?* Round 1 was on the topic of Transportation in June/July 2008; Round 2 was on the King County Budget in February/March 2009; and Round 3 was on Strategic Planning in June/July 2009.

1. Yes, all three rounds.
2. Yes, one or two of the three previous rounds.
3. No, I only recently found out about the forums.
4. No, I knew about the forums before, but was not interested in the previous topics.
5. No, I wanted to attend before, but was not able to.

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4
- (5) Choice 5

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	21%	41%	20%	3%	11%	4%	0%	Total	N/A

62) (P-3) *How do you rate the information presented in the 30-minute “Public Safety: Law & Justice” video?*

- (1) Excellent
 - (2) Good
- (3) Fair or average
 - (4) Poor
- (5) Very poor

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	23%	44%	19%	1%	0%	12%	0%	Total	N/A

63) (P-4) *In general, do you think the 30-minute “Public Safety: Law & Justice” video was fair and evenhanded?* ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- (1) Very fair and evenhanded
- (2) Somewhat fair and evenhanded
 - (3) Somewhat biased
 - (4) Very biased
 - (5) Other

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	30%	38%	12%	5%	3%	12%	0%	Total	N/A

64) (P-5) *In general, do you think the length of the 30-minute “Public Safety: Law & Justice” video was:* ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- (1) About right
- (2) Long but OK
 - (3) Too long
 - (4) Too short
 - (5) Other

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	52%	19%	9%	6%	0%	13%	0%	Total	N/A

65) (P-6) *In general, do you think that this Opinionnaire® survey on the topic of “Public Safety: Law & Justice” was fair and evenhanded?* ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- (1) Very fair and evenhanded
- (2) Somewhat fair and evenhanded
 - (3) Somewhat biased
 - (4) Very biased
 - (5) Other

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	39%	41%	9%	1%	2%	7%	0%	Total	N/A

66) (P-7) *How well did the questions in this Opinionnaire® survey address the topic of “Public Safety: Law & Justice”?* ([Click here to create one email with all your comments](#))

- (1) All major issues were covered
- (2) Most major issues were covered
- (3) Most major issues were not covered
- (4) None of the major issues were covered
 - (5) Other

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	15%	65%	5%	0%	2%	12%	0%	Total	N/A

67) (P-8) *Do you think the length of this Opinionnaire® survey was:*

- (1) About right
- (2) Long but OK
 - (3) Too long
 - (4) Too short
 - (5) Other

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	42%	32%	16%	1%	0%	8%	0%	Total	N/A

68) (P-9) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following value statement, “I feel better informed on the topic of Law and Justice in King County as a result of watching the video and reading the background materials.”

- Strongly Agree (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Strongly Disagree

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	37%	30%	16%	5%	2%	10%	0%	Total	(90% - 90%)

69) (P-10) How positively or negatively has your participation in the Countywide Community Forums changed your perception about whether King County government listens to your opinions?

- Very Positively (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Very Negatively

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	20%	36%	28%	3%	2%	10%	0%	Total	(90% - 91%)

70) (P-11) Did participating in the discussion today with your fellow Citizen Councilors make a difference on how you view the topic?

1. Yes, talking about the topic at today’s forum helped me see other perspectives, and I responded differently than I would have before this meeting on some questions because of the new

perspective I now have.

2. Yes, talking about the topic at today's forum helped me see other perspectives but did not change how I responded on any of the questions.
3. No, I really did not learn anything new on the topic at today's forum because everyone agreed on all of the issues.
4. No, I really did not learn anything new on the topic at today's forum because I disagreed with the view of the other citizen councilors.
5. No, I really did not learn anything new on the topic from today's forum because we never really talked about the topic.

- (1) Choice 1
- (2) Choice 2
- (3) Choice 3
- (4) Choice 4
- (5) Choice 5

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	32%	33%	7%	0%	3%	24%	1%	Total	N/A

71) (P-12) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following value statement, *"Overall, I believe the Countywide Community Forums are on the right track."*

- Strongly Agree (1) (2) (3) (4) (5) Strongly Disagree

TOTAL

TOTAL	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	ABSTAIN	OBJECT	CATEGORY	MPC RATING™
208	44%	32%	13%	2%	2%	7%	0%	Total	(93% - 95%)

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